

July 14, 2021



MIDWEEK MESSAGE

CARMEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FROM THE PULPIT SIDE

Recently, I read a book on the “Areas of Challenge in Ministry Today”. The top five of those challenges listed are:

- 1...Resistance to change.***
- 2...Redefining purpose/mission.***
- 3...Viable stewardship.***
- 4...Tension from controversial social issues.***
- 5...Increasing diversity in culture.***

Last Sunday we heard a very bold and challenging message from Rev. Andrea Boutselis that really brought into focus the impact of number 4 on the above list. Her sermon, dealing with racism, elicited many positive comments...but also some that expressed a negative opinion. Those viewpoints were critical of utilizing the pulpit to present thoughts on CRT (critical race theory), SEL (social emotional learning), and DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion). Whether ones viewpoint is positive or negative toward these issues, everyone should be respected for their opinions. The issues themselves are important enough to consider a **moderated forum for dialogue** within our church family. Therefore, in consultation with our Moderator and Elders, I am proposing and inviting everyone to attend such a forum on **Wednesday, July 28th, at 7:00 p.m.**

We certainly don't want anyone to feel as if the church is alienating them because of conflicting opinions on social/political issues. We appreciate and respect open dialogue on difficult topics, and welcome those who hold a variety of viewpoints on such issues. This proposed forum can help us discover how we might respectfully create dialogue that reinforces our welcoming identity as a congregation.

As the old saying goes: *“we can agree to disagree”*. But that doesn't mean that we can't still love each other as Christian brothers and sisters. Let's use this forum to explore together the troubling topics of our day, and come together in the spirit of Christian fellowship.

God bless you...and,

I'll see you in church!

Frank

Walk For Water

"The annual Walk for Water is in person this year on **Saturday, July 24th at 9:00 am**. The walk this year starts downtown Indy at the south end of the Canal. Carmel Christian Church has a team page where you can join as a walker or make a donation.

For Walk info: <https://jubileevillage.rallybound.org/Static/Event-Info>

Our team page: <https://jubileevillage.rallybound.org/carmelchristianchurch>

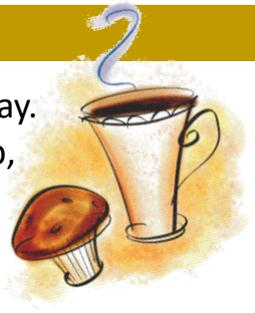
Jubilee Village Project's Walk For Water is a 3-mile Walk in which participants carry a 5-gallon water bucket to experience the daily trek that women and children around the world make each day to collect water for their families. Participation fee for the Walk is \$40 - Adults and \$25 - Students (Kids 12 and under Free) with the goal of raising \$20,000. 100% of monies raised will be used to bring safe water to rural villages in western Kenya.



As a bonus, Carolyn's brother and his family will be joining us this year. His family spent 6 years in Mombasa, Kenya and both of her nieces were born there. They lived and worked in the community as Maryknoll missionaries."

Volunteers Needed

Beginning in August we will be resuming our fellowship after service on Sunday. We need volunteers to bring a snack, finger foods preferred, for after worship, Sign up sheet is on the welcome table in the Narthex.



Peace Garden Update

We wanted to update everyone on the Peace Garden. Our garden expert, Mike Ainley thinks we are going to have a great harvest this year. We really appreciate how everyone thus far has contributed to the success of the Peace garden this year by watering, pulling weeds, setting up the garden and harvesting the vegetables.

As of Monday, July 12 we have donated to the Carmel United Methodist Church food pantry 54 peppers weighing 18.0 pounds and 71 cucumbers weighing 60.2 pounds. We should start harvesting tomatoes this week. Please remember if you are scheduled to water and can't make it on your assigned day simply switch with someone else on the schedule. Keep up the good work! The Carmel United Methodist Church food pantry really appreciates our donations and we know that our efforts are helping those families that are in need!

God Bless! Tom & Pat Scott

Celebrating 100 Years!



Martha Ellis, a long time church member, will be turning 100! To celebrate, there will be an open house on **Sunday, August 1st** at Well-brooke of Westfield from 11am – 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. No gifts, please. Any questions can be directed to Martha's daughter, Betsy, at 317-694-7208.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

Our church has enjoyed a baseball outing to Victory Field in the past, but was unable to do so last year due to the pandemic. But now things are more open, so a date has been selected to reconvene our summer tradition. On Sunday, August 29th, we invite you to travel to the 'ole ballfield and take in a game with the Indianapolis Indians vs. the Louisville Bats. Game time is 1:35 pm. We have 27 tickets available at \$14.00 each. If you wish to go, sign up on the reservation sheet in the narthex. *Deadline for sign-up is August 15th*. Let's go enjoy a great American pastime!

Message from Our Guest Minister

Rev. Don Schutt is our guest speaker for this coming Sunday, July 18th

Sermon title: "Living In Between"

My sister recently asked me if I would like to attend a small family wedding for a niece I hadn't seen in ten years. Since my sister rarely asks much of me, I was inclined to go. My primary issue (besides not wanting to go to another wedding ever again) was that Karen and I are in the midst of moving from our two story home of the last thirty years to a single story home (getting real about old age). Karen gave her blessing and I went. Now you get to hear "the rest of the story."

Scriptures for Sunday, July 18

Matthew 7:1

Judge not, lest you be judged

Mark 10:47

"Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me."

Outreach Needs

THE NEED IS STILL GREAT

Once again, you are reminded that the need in Hamilton County is still very great. In July and August all contributions will be going to Good Samaritan Network and will be distributed by Nancy Chance and her incredible volunteers to those in most need.

Non-perishable groceries, mostly those that are inexpensive (tuna, pasta, canned chicken and vegetables, peanut butter, items easy for kids to eat) are certainly easy to pick up at the store. And remember, if you are not comfortable going to the store or are unable to shop, Myrna Dowden will be happy to shop for you. You may leave your contributions at church or mail a check with a note "for Outreach shopping".

The Julian Center was the recipient of all of the contributions in May and June. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed an amazing amount of clothing and household goods, as well as all of the food in the giving basket. ~~Your Outreach Team

NEW - Directory Update

Please update your directory with the following change of address for
Louise Foster:

75 Rose Walk Circle. Apt. 2F, Carmel, IN 46032

Prayer Concerns

Please remember these folks and their families in your prayers. Mailing addresses are listed if you would like to send a note or card.

Mary Rudy, on the passing of A.B. Rudy, 1630 Marborough Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Judy Gest, 720 East Auman Drive, Carmel, IN 46032

Marilyn Huckleberry, 12130 Old Meridian St. Rm. 220, Carmel, IN 46032, phone number (317) 564-3809

Elnora Osler, 751 Hawthorne Dr. Carmel, IN 46033

Joan Bubna, 519 Oak Drive Carmel, IN 46032

Martha Ellis



Keep in Touch

A phone call, card or visit can mean so much!

Ginny Luzader (317) 219-5675

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Elnora Osler (317) 844-4282

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